

**RESOLUTION No. 38/2017**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CORTE MADERA  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN THE CENTRAL MARIN FIRE AUTHORITY  
JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LARKSPUR AND THE  
TOWN OF CORTE MADERA AND THE APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS  
AND ONE ALTERNATE MEMBER TO THE FIRE COUNCIL**

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**WHEREAS**, Corte Madera and Larkspur each have the authority and responsibility under California law to provide fire protection, paramedic and prevention services to their citizens within their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, Corte Madera and Larkspur are public agencies authorized and empowered to contract with other agencies for the joint exercise of powers under the Joint Exercise of Powers Act, Sections 6500, et seq. of the California Government Code (the "Act"); and

**WHEREAS**, Corte Madera and Larkspur have demonstrated their ability to work collaboratively, having previously formed the Twin Cities Police Authority pursuant to a Joint Powers Agreement executed January 30, 1980, under which they successfully provided consolidated police services to both jurisdictions for 32 years; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 1, 2013, Corte Madera, Larkspur, and the Town of San Anselmo created the Central Marin Police Authority which currently provides consolidated police services to all three of these jurisdictions, further demonstrating the agencies' commitment to shared services; and

**WHEREAS**, Corte Madera and Larkspur are "like" local public entities, being municipalities in contiguous geographical proximity, having similar fire protection needs, fire departments, salaries, benefit and retirement programs and a history of coordination and cooperation between each other; and

**WHEREAS**, Corte Madera and Larkspur recently entered into a cooperative agreement under which the agencies share fire services which has led to better coordination, cost savings and higher levels of fire service to the public, and

**WHEREAS**, consolidation of Corte Madera and Larkspur's fire protection, paramedic and prevention services into a single public entity will provide greater opportunity to enhanced services to both communities, a more efficient organizational structure, and significant command and administrative benefits, all resulting over time in less costly, higher quality fire services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the City and Town's desire, at the same time, to maintain the small-town character of their consolidated fire services, and at all times have the Authority remain administratively and operationally sensitive and responsive to the

individual fire service philosophies, needs, and priorities of each individual community; and

**WHEREAS**, Corte Madera and Larkspur wish to enter into this Agreement: (i) to create an original joint powers agreement commencing January 1, 2018; (ii) to consolidate their fire protection and prevention services in a single separate joint powers entity; (iii) to name this joint powers entity the Central Marin Fire Authority; (iv) to provide for the composition of the governing Fire Council; (v) to provide for the management of the Authority; (vi) to set forth the Members ownership rights as to the assets, liabilities and reserves of the Authority; and (vii) to enter into certain other terms and conditions as agreed upon between the members; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Corte Madera and Larkspur have had the opportunity to express themselves in this matter; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera finds that the creation of the Central Marin Fire Authority is in the best interests of the citizens of Corte Madera; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera hereby approves the Joint Powers Agreement (dated August 15, 2017) creating the Central Marin Fire Authority, and further authorizes the Mayor to execute said Agreement attached hereto as Attachment 2 or an Amended Agreement substantially similar thereto;

**IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED** that the Town Council of the Town of Corte Madera duly introduced and regularly adopted the foregoing resolution at a meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017 by the following vote, to-wit:

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| AYES:    | COUNCILMEMBER: | Andrews, Condon, Furst, Ravasio |
| NOES:    | COUNCILMEMBER: | - None -                        |
| ABSENT:  | COUNCILMEMBER: | Bailey                          |
| ABSTAIN: | COUNCILMEMBER: | - None -                        |

APPROVED:

  
Diane Furst, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Rebecca Vaughn, Town Clerk